

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 98-116-W/S - ORDER NO. 98-495

JULY 1, 1998

IN RE:	Application of Hartwell Utility, Inc. for)	ORDER
	Approval of a New Schedule of Rates and)	DENYING
	Charges for its Water and Sewer System in)	WAIVER
	that area Known as Chickasaw Point)	
	Subdivision, Oconee County, South Carolina.)	

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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Hartwell Utility, Inc. (Hartwell or the Company) for a waiver of a portion of our requirements for the acceptance of an Application for approval of a new schedule of rates and charges for the Company's water and sewer system in that area known as Chickasaw Point subdivision, located in Oconee County, South Carolina.

Specifically, the Company seeks waiver of a portion of our Regulations 103-512 and 103-712 which require that the most recent letter of approval from the Department of Health and Environmental Control be submitted along with the other parts of the Application. Regulation 103-712 (4)(A)(13) requires that the letter not be dated more than six (6) months prior to the date of application. Hartwell notes that the most recent inspection of the system by DHEC was performed on January 10, 1997, with a letter issued accordingly. The Company has a new inspection scheduled for August 1, 1998, and therefore requests that we waive the Regulations, and accept the Application. This, we cannot do.

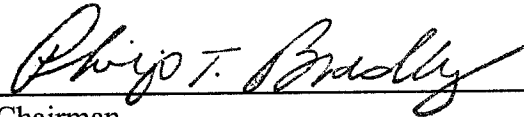
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The Regulations quoted are for the protection of the public. Further, the date of filing of an Application is strictly within the control of the Company. We simply cannot waive a requirement that ultimately helps to ensure the health of the public. Therefore, we deny the waiver. The Staff shall therefore return the Application to the Company.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:



ACTING Executive Director

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